completion of a few schemes mainly of sewage treatment plants has been delayed due to contractual problems and delay in acquisition of land. The concerned State Governments have, however, committed to complete these schemes during 1994-95.

(c) and (d) At times, due to electricity/power supply interruptions and non completion of a few schemes of interception and diversion some sewage continues to flow into the river. The industrial pollution is, however, checked by the enforcement of Environmental Laws through the Central Pollution Control Board/State Pollution Control Boards. The State Governments have been advised to ensure uninterrupted power supply for taking the full advantage of the facilities created. However, the water quality in terms of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) at all the 27 monitoring stations under GAP have shown discernible improvement and has consistently been above the desired level. In respect of Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), the levels meet the desired standard at all these monitoring stations, except at Kanpur and sometimes at Varanasi, where the trend has been found to be erratic. Close monitoring of the progress of work is being carried out at appropriate levels both in the State and the Central Govt. in order to complete the schemes expeditiously.

Targets fixed for afforestation of drought prone areas

622. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any targets for afforestation of drought prone areas in the State of Bihar and other parts of the country which are frequently affected by droughts;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how much of funds have been earmarked for this purpose for the current year; and

(d) how much afforestation has been done in the drought prone areas of Bihar so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The State-wise targets for afforestation and tree Planting activities under the 20-Point Programme, including for the drought prone areas in the State of Bihar and other parts of the country which are frequently affected by droughts, are fixed on an annual basis. The targets fixed for the year 1993-94 in this behalf, including for the Bihar State, are given in the enclosed statement-I (*See* below).

(c) The funds available for undertaking the afforestation and tree planting activities during 1993-94 through the schemes of the State Government as well as the schemes of the Central Government are approximately Rs. 875 crores.

(d) According to the available information, afforestation and tree planting activities were carried out on around 16 lakh hectares of land during the period 1973-74 to 1992-93 in Bihar and other States under the Drought Prone Areas Programmes (DPAP) which is implemented in identified drought prone districts of the country. The details in this behalf are given in the enclosed statement-II.

Statement

State wise Targets of Afforestation/ tree Planting Activities under the 20- Point Programme for 1993-94.

(Seedlings in lakhs)
(Area in Hectares)

Sl. No.	Name of State/UTs	Seedlings Distribution (For planting on Pvt. lands)	Area (Public land including forest lands)
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	1950.00	70000.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	5.00	7500.00
3	Assam	30.00	27500.00
4	Bihar	750.00	50000.00
5	Goa	30.00	1800.00
6	Gujarat	1500.00	68000.00
7	Haryana	300.00	37500.00
8	Himachal Pradesh	75.00	35000.00
9	Jammu & Kashmir	60.00	20000.00
10	Karnataka	450.00	42500.00
11	Kerala	300.00	15000.00
12	Madhya Pradesh	400.00	125000.00
13	Maharashtra	1200.00	180000.00
14	Manipur	30.00	9500.00
15	Meghalaya	125.00	19000.00
16	Mizoram	10.00	14000.00
17	Nagaland	120.00	7500.00
18.	Orissa.	550.00	75000.00
19	Punjab.	80.00	18000.00
20	Rajasthan	400.00	65000.00
21	Sikkim.	18.00	8500.00
22	Tamil Nadu	1000.00	114000.00
23	Tripura	50.00	17700.00
24	Uttar Pradesh	3200.00	85000.00
25	West Bengal	800.00	45000.00

1	2	3	4
26	A & N Islands	5.00	3300.00
27	Chandigarh	0.00	500.00
28	D & N Haveli	12.00	1100.00
29	Daman & Diu	1.00	150.00
30	Delhi	50.00	2000.00
31	Lakshadweep	4.00	50.00
32	Pondicherry	4.00	200.00
	TOTAL :	13509.00	1165300.00

Statement-II

Details of area covered by Afforestation Activities under the Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) during the period 1973-74 *to* 1992-93.

Sl. No.	State	Area Covered (hectares)
1	Andhra Pradesh	160464
2	Bihar	76067
3	Gujarat	320535
4	Haryana	27270
5	Jammu & Kashmir	1418
6	Karnataka	129404
7	Madhya Pradesh	111989
8	Maharashtra	218051
9	Orissa	83546
10	Rajasthan	169493
11	Tamil Nadu	82319
12	Uttar Pradesh	123024
13	West Bengal	99374
	TOTAL :	1602954

SOURCE : Ministry of Rural Development.